

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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RICKIE HILL,

Plaintiff,

v.

C. CARMONA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:20-cv-01807-GMN-DJA

ORDER

I. DISCUSSION

On June 29, 2021, the Court issued a screening order dismissing the Fourteenth Amendment claim with prejudice, dismissing the retaliation claim against Ruiz without prejudice and with leave to amend, and permitting the retaliation claim against Carmona to proceed. (ECF No. 3 at 8). The Court granted Plaintiff 30 days from the date of that order to file an amended complaint curing the deficiencies of the retaliation claim against Ruiz. (*Id.* at 9).

The Court specifically stated that, if Plaintiff did not file a timely amended complaint, the action would proceed on the First Amendment retaliation claim based on Carmona's alleged refusal to put her mask on when Plaintiff asked her to do so. (*Id.* at 9). Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint. Therefore, pursuant to the screening order, this action shall proceed on that claim.

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1 **II. CONCLUSION**

2 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the Court's screening
3 order (ECF No. 3), this action shall proceed on the First Amendment retaliation claim
4 based on Carmona's alleged refusal to put her mask on when Plaintiff asked her to do
5 so.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that given the nature of the claim(s) that the Court has
7 permitted to proceed, this action is STAYED for ninety (90) days to allow Plaintiff and
8 Defendant(s) an opportunity to settle their dispute before the \$350.00 filing fee is paid, an
9 answer is filed, or the discovery process begins. During this 90-day stay period and until
10 the Court lifts the stay, no other pleadings or papers may be filed in this case, and the
11 parties may not engage in any discovery, nor are the parties required to respond to any
12 paper filed in violation of the stay unless specifically ordered by the court to do so. The
13 Court will refer this case to the Court's Inmate Early Mediation Program, and the Court
14 will enter a subsequent order. Regardless, on or before ninety (90) days from the date
15 this order is entered, the Office of the Attorney General shall file the report form attached
16 to this order regarding the results of the 90-day stay, even if a stipulation for dismissal is
17 entered prior to the end of the 90-day stay. If the parties proceed with this action, the
18 Court will then issue an order setting a date for Defendants to file an answer or other
19 response. Following the filing of an answer, the Court will issue a scheduling order setting
20 discovery and dispositive motion deadlines.

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that "settlement" may or may not include payment of
22 money damages. It also may or may not include an agreement to resolve Plaintiff's issues
23 differently. A compromise agreement is one in which neither party is completely satisfied
24 with the result, but both have given something up and both have obtained something in
25 return.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the case does not settle, Plaintiff will be required
27 to pay the full \$350.00 filing fee. This fee cannot be waived. If Plaintiff is allowed to
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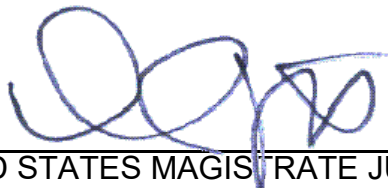
1 proceed in forma pauperis, the fee will be paid in installments from his prison trust
2 account. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b). If Plaintiff is not allowed to proceed in forma pauperis, the
3 \$350.00 will be due immediately.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if any party seeks to have this case excluded from
5 the inmate mediation program, that party will file a "motion to exclude case from
6 mediation" no later than 21 days prior to the date set for mediation. The responding party
7 will have 7 days to file a response. No reply will be filed. Thereafter, the Court will issue
8 an order, set the matter for hearing, or both.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall electronically SERVE
10 a copy of this order, the original screening order (ECF No. 3) and a copy of Plaintiff's
11 complaint (ECF No. 4) on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada, by
12 adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This does not
13 indicate acceptance of service.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Attorney General's Office shall advise the
15 Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the entry of this order whether it will enter
16 a limited notice of appearance on behalf of Defendants for the purpose of settlement. No
17 defenses or objections, including lack of service, shall be waived as a result of the filing
18 of the limited notice of appearance.

19 DATED this 27th day of October 2021.

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22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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REPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE: RESULTS OF 90-DAY STAY

15 **NOTE: ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL FILE THIS FORM.**
16 **THE INMATE PLAINTIFF SHALL NOT FILE THIS FORM.**

17 On _____ [*the date of the issuance of the screening order*], the Court
18 issued its screening order stating that it had conducted its screening pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
19 § 1915A, and that certain specified claims in this case would proceed. The Court ordered
20 the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to file a report ninety (90) days
21 after the date of the entry of the Court's screening order to indicate the status of the case
22 at the end of the 90-day stay. By filing this form, the Office of the Attorney General hereby
23 complies.

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REPORT FORM

[Identify which of the following two situations (identified in bold type) describes the case, and follow the instructions corresponding to the proper statement.]

Situation One: Mediated Case: The case was assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay. [If this statement is accurate, check ONE of the six statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

_____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [enter date], and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement (even if paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed). (If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in the case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

_____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [enter date], and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, but the parties have nevertheless settled the case. (If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

_____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, but one is currently scheduled for _____ [enter date].

_____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the 90-day stay, and as of this date, no date certain has been scheduled for such a session.

_____ None of the above five statements describes the status of this case. Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the status of this case.

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Situation Two: Informal Settlement Discussions Case: The case was NOT assigned to mediation with a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay; rather, the parties were encouraged to engage in informal settlement negotiations. [If this statement is accurate, check ONE of the four statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

_____ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement (even if the paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed). (If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.)

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_____ The parties have not engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ None of the above three statements fully describes the status of this case. Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the status of this case.

Submitted this _____ day of _____, _____ by:

Attorney Name: _____
Print

Signature

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____
